IN THE CLAIMS

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The vessel as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7; further comprising a handle; and
wherein said handle is replaceably attached to said pot.

3. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 2; further comprising an apparatus; and
wherein said apparatus replaceably attaches said handle to said pot.

4. (currently amended) The vessel as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said pot has a bottom;
wherein said pot has a bearing;
wherein said bearing of said pot extends centrally from said bottom of said pot; and
wherein said bearing of said pot extends upwardly from said bottom of said pot.

5. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 4, wherein said colander has a bottom;
wherein said bearing of said pot extends centrally to said bottom of said colander so as to form an axis of rotation; and
wherein said axis of rotation is about which said colander rotates in said pot.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) ~~The vessel as defined in claim 6,~~ A vessel for separating and collecting excess oil from deep fried foods disposed therein before the deep fried foods are sauted, said vessel comprising:

a) a pot;

b) a colander;

c) a motor; and

d) a gear train;

wherein said colander is rotatably mounted in said pot;

wherein said colander is for holding the fried foods;

wherein said motor is operatively connected to said colander;

wherein said motor rotates said colander relative to said pot;

wherein said motor is for centrifugally forcing the excess oil from the deep fried foods out therefrom and collecting in the pot;

wherein said gear train operatively connects said motor to said colander;

wherein said gear train comprises a driven gear; and

wherein said gear train comprises a drive gear;

wherein said colander has a top;

wherein said pot has a top;

wherein said gear train has said pot having a through bore;

wherein said through bore in said pot extends through said pot;

wherein said through bore in said pot is disposed just below said top of said pot;

wherein said driven gear of said gear train extends horizontally around said colander;

wherein said driven gear of said gear train extends circumferentially around said colander; and
wherein said driven gear of said gear train is disposed just below said top of said colander.

8. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 7, wherein said driven gear of said gear train is a ring gear.

9. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 2, wherein said handle is hollow.

10. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 7, wherein said handle has a front portion;
wherein said handle has a rear portion;
wherein said front portion of said handle extends bulbously from said rear portion of said handle;
wherein said front portion of said handle extends communicatingly from said rear portion of said handle; and
wherein said front portion of said handle is replaceably attached to said pot.

11. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein said rear portion of said handle has a switch mounted thereon;
wherein said rear portion of said handle contains a battery interface;
wherein said battery interface in said rear portion of said handle electrically communicates with said motor through said switch; and

wherein said battery interface in said rear portion of said handle is for electrically communicating with at least one battery for powering said motor.

12. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein said motor extends vertically in said front portion of said handle; and
wherein said motor has said drive gear of said gear train horizontally thereon.

13. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 11, wherein said drive gear of said gear train passes through said through bore in said pot; and
wherein said drive gear of said gear train engages said driven gear of said gear train so as to allow said motor to rotate said colander in said pot when said switch is activated.

14. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 10, wherein said apparatus comprises said pot having two pair of key through bores;

15. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 14, wherein said two pair of key through bores through said pot straddle said through bore through said pot.

16. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 14, wherein each key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot has an upper portion; and
wherein each key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot has a lower portion.

17. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein said upper portion of each key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot is vertically elongated.

18. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein said lower portion of each key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot is circular; and
wherein said lower portion of each key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot is wider than said upper portion of an associated key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot.

19. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 16, wherein said pot has an inner surface; and
wherein said apparatus comprises said inner surface of said pot having four blind bores.

20. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot is disposed concentrically with an upper extreme of said upper portion of an associated key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot; and
wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot is wider than said upper portion of an associated key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot.

21. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot is circular; and
wherein each blind bore of said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot has a width equal to that of said lower portion of an associated key through bore of said two pair of key through bores through said pot.

22. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 19, wherein said apparatus comprises two pair of studs;
wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus has heads;
wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus extend outwardly from said front portion of said handle;
wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus terminate in said heads thereof;
wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus straddle said drive gear of said gear drive; and
wherein said two pair of studs of said apparatus align with said two pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively.

23. (original) The vessel as defined in claim 22, wherein said heads of said two pair of studs of said apparatus are larger than said upper portion of said two pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively, but smaller than said lower portion of said two pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively, so as to allow said heads of said two pair of studs of said apparatus to pass through said lower portion of said two pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively,

be lifted upwardly behind said upper portion of said two pair of key through bores through said pot, respectively, and be captured in said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot, respectively, by virtue of the weight of said handle tipping said heads of said two pair of studs of said apparatus into said four blind bores in said inner surface of said pot, respectively, so as to prevent said heads of said two pair of studs of said apparatus from dropping back down said two pair of key through bores through said pot and detaching said handle from said pot.